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THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET

FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

Higher prices were realized for American apples on the Hamburg auction on Thursday, January 17, 1929, according to a report received in the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Notwithstanding the extremely cold weather which has been prevailing over the continent for the past four weeks, the market is showing strength. The outlook is particularly favorable for red apples, states Mr. Smith.

The quantities available for the auction this week amounted to only 4,700 barrels and 53,700 boxes as compared with 7,000 barrels and 63,500 boxes last week. Virginia Winesaps ranged from \$6.43 to \$8.10 per barrel for U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch fruit as against \$5.72 to \$5.84 last week. Washington Winesaps, Extra Fancy, 138/163, brought \$2.74 to \$3.10 per box against \$2.62 to \$2.86 the previous week. The same size and grade Oregon Yellow Newtowns brought \$2.62 to \$2.80 but the fruit in general is not yellow enough to suit the German trade, states Mr. Smith.

Prices paid for American apples in Hamburg Variety and grade Price Origin Jan 10, 1929: Jan 17, 1929 Barrels Dollars : Dollars Ben Davis: U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch ...... Virginia : 4.29 - 5.96 : 5.48 - 6.67 York Imperial: U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch ..... : 5.24 - 6.67 : 6.67 - 6.91 U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch (fair cond.): <u>a</u>/ : 4.76 - 5.48 Winesap: U.S. No. 1,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch ..... : 5.72 - 5.84 : 6.43 - 8.10 Baldwin: Boxes Winesap: Extra Fancy, 138/163 .....: Washington: 2.62 - 2.86: 2.74 - 3.10 Rome Beauty: Extra Fancy, 138/163 ....: : 2.62 - 2.36 : 2.62 - 3.10 Spitzenberg: Extra Fancy, 138/163 ..... Oregon : 2.62 - 2.86 : 2.62 - 2.86 Yellow Newtown: Extra Fancy, 138/163 ..... : 2.50 - 2.74 : 2.62 - 2.80 Ortley: Extra Fancy, 138/163 ....: : 3.10 - 3.33 : 2.86 - 3.33

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